



Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale City Council Approves Arena Lease Management Agreement. The Glendale City Council approved an agreement at a special meeting on June 8 that will keep the NHL Coyotes in Glendale for the next 20 years.

The Council's action authorizes the city to enter into an arena lease and management agreement with Arizona Hockey Arena Partners and Arizona Hockey Partners -- the prospective owner of the Coyotes franchise with Greg Jamison as manager -- for use of the city owned Jobing.com Arena by the hockey team.

The main points of the agreement include:

- The NHL team stays in Glendale for 20 years, the same amount of time remaining on the original bonds for the arena.
- The NHL team continues to pay rent for use of the city owned arena, which will be approximately \$13 million over the term of the lease.
- The city will continue to receive a ticket surcharge on every ticket sold for events at the arena, estimated to be approximately \$60 million over the life of the lease.
- The city receives 15% of the naming rights revenue for the arena, estimated between \$4 million and \$10 million over the life of the agreement.
- The city does not issue any new debt.
- The city is not responsible for parking operations.
- The city estimates sales tax from events at the arena to be approximately \$30 million over the term of the agreement.
- The city pays an average arena management fee of \$15 million per year.
- The arena manager keeps an anchor tenant at the arena.

Separate studies conducted by independent outside experts conclude the agreement will place the city in a better financial position than managing the arena without the team and does not violate the state's gift clause. The financial analysis was arrived at without the inclusion of any revenue from the Westgate City Center development, which is expected to at least double over the life of the team's stay in Glendale.

For the past three years, the city has been actively working with the National Hockey League and potential buyers of the Coyotes to structure a deal that would keep the team in Glendale for the long term. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman told the Council at its meeting today that the league expects to approve Jamison as the new owner of the team within the next three weeks. [Click here](#) for documents and more information.

Help Deter Crime in Vacant Homes. There has been an increase in burglaries and thefts from vacant homes in Glendale. Homes for sale or rent, under foreclosure, between owners or abandoned often have signs out front and lock boxes present -- a sign to criminals that the homes are vacant. Most occurrences are not reported until someone notices something is missing during a visit to the property, making it difficult to investigate the crime.

Please help by using the following tips:

- If you are involved with, or have a vacant property in your neighborhood, please report any suspicious behavior, persons or vehicles to the police department
- If you are responsible for a home, take time to:
 - o Check on it often and secure the property
 - o Provide neighbors with your contact information

For more information or to report suspicious activity, please call the Glendale Police Department at 623-930-3000. In an emergency, call 9-1-1.



Luke AFB Confirmed as Top Choice for F-35 Training Center. Luke Air Force Base remains the Air Force's preferred location for its new F-35A training center, according to a final environmental report released this week by the Department of Defense.

The 1,000-page report, referred to as the final environmental impact statement (EIS), provides an in-depth analysis on the environmental and operational aspects on the proposed basing of the F-35A training center at Luke, as well as at three other alternative basing locations being studied.

The final EIS report paves the way for up to six squadrons – totaling 144 aircraft – of the new fighter jets being stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale that are scheduled to begin arriving at Luke in late 2013.

The report details the environmental impacts relating to the needed facilities, personnel changes, flight operations, military ranges and military airspace required to house the F-35A. The Final EIS also noted the foresight and benefit of state statutes enacted by Arizona, which provide sufficient buffer, noise attenuation measures and land management to enable the F-35A to be stationed at Luke. The Air Force's analysis highlights how the state statutes and local government actions dating back to 2001 preserve the training mission of the base.

Now that the final report is complete, the Air Force is expected to announce its final basing decision for the F-35A next month. In addition to serving as the "school house" for F-35A training, Luke will keep two F-16 training squadrons comprised of 26 aircraft at the military facility. Prior to completing its final report, the Air Force held extensive public meetings in the community to receive input from residents, businesses and other governmental agencies. Nearly 10,000 Luke supporters attended the meetings or sent letters or emails to the Air Force in support of Luke receiving the F-35A training mission. In total, almost 21,000 citizens living in every city and town throughout Arizona have registered their support of the new training mission at www.LukeForward.com.

The complete final EIS report, executive summary and supporting documents are available online at www.F-35ATrainingEIS.com.

Preparing for Monsoon. The Valley's monsoon is always unpredictable, but when it strikes, it's best to be ready. That's why it is important that residents are educated on safety measures as well as informed on what to expect in turbulent monsoon conditions.

The city of Glendale has created a website dedicated to the monsoon, where the public can find a wealth of information about preparing for an emergency, especially during the monsoon.

Information on the website includes:

- How to drive safely in a storm, including information on the 'Stupid Motorist Law'
- Contact information to have easily accessible in an emergency
- Have a family or household emergency plan with a ready kit
- Where to go in the city to get sandbags in the event of very heavy rainfall with flooding

Visit www.glendaleaz.com/monsoon for complete details. In addition, Glendale 11 and CBS 5 are teaming up once again to bring residents the latest local and state information about Arizona's monsoon. Check the Glendale 11 TV guide for the latest listings at www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.

Summer Film Viewing and Discussion Series. "Exceptional, Inspirational, and Determined: Favorite Biographical Films of the Famous" is the theme of this year's summer film viewing and discussion series Saturdays at 1 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Film scholar, Jeannie Berg returns for a seventh year with the popular, free "Reel Talk Film Series."

On June 16, My Left Foot with Daniel Day-Lewis, Brenda Fricker and Ray McAnally will be shown. Based on his autobiography, My Left Foot is the fascinating portrait of Christy Brown, an Irishman afflicted with cerebral palsy who, with the support of his mother triumphed over the crippling condition to become one of Ireland's foremost literary figures and artists. Rated "R."

Job Searching Labs. Mike Burton, Glendale Library Information Technology Specialist, will be available to offer job coaching assistance. Bilingual assistance will also be available. This open lab is for online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. The next labs will be held on June 20th and June 27th from 2 – 4 p.m. at Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Job Searching Labs. Steve Schrade, former director of Human Resources for Bashas', and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, will be available to offer job coaching assistance. This open lab is for online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. The next labs are June 21st and June 28th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

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